



NAVAJO AML RECLAMATION UMTRA DEPARTMENT



Restoring Navajo Lands to Enhance Beauty, Harmony and Quality of Life

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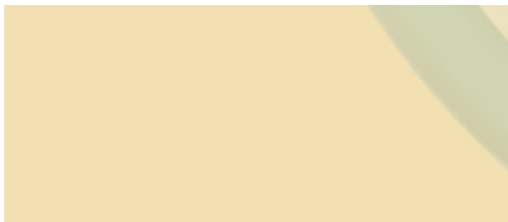
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Navajo AML has been able to promote our program through an effective Public Relations program that has been recognized by others. This has lead to five (5) OSM awards for our reclamation efforts and numerous partnering opportunities.

AML Problem Areas	Mineral	Total # mines	Total # reclaimed	# of Phases	# mines with Environmental Problems remaining	Total Cost (millions)	Comments
Coal Projects	Coal	264	264	n/a	0	3.2	
Beclabito	Uranium	90	81	4	18	1.9	OSM Award
Bidahochi	Uranium	2	2	1	0	0.05	
Black Mesa	Uranium	29	22	3	5	0.6	
* Cameron	Uranium	103	68	6	*0	7.0	
Coppermine	Copper	49	27	2	0	0.8	OSM Award
Cove	Uranium	231	202	4	84	2.72	OSM Awards
Eastern Agency	Uranium	15	14	1	4	0.34	
Monument Valley	Uranium	82	67	4	14	6.0	OSM Award
Oaksp./RedValley	Uranium	238	233	4	9	2.6	
Sanostee	Uranium	19	8	1	2	0.1	
Sweetwater	Uranium	48	42	2	13	0.26	
TseTah/Red Mesa	Uranium	179	178	3	17	1.4	
Total Summay	All	1,345	1,204	n/a	166	\$ 27.0	5 OSM Awards
Uranium Mines only	Uranium	1,032	913		166	\$ 23.0	4 OSM Awards

NOTE: The Environmental Problems are related to uranium mine waste that remains within the AML sites. Access to these mine waste is impossible due to the steep terrain of the mine sites, thus the areas of remaining concerns are located in the high mesas and/or mountainous regions. The *Cameron area is also an area of concern because the mine sites are located close to the groundwater, thus concerns are for the geologic structure being the host to the uranium and not necessarily the uranium mine waste.

BENEFITS



As for the Navajo Nation, the past scars from the mining industry are slowly beginning to heal. The first step is the return of the lands to a more aesthetically pleasing view and over time a return to a similar land use as before mining. Some of the traditional uses of the mining areas may return, as well as the wildlife, livestock and recreational uses. Some of the emotional scars from uranium mining will never heal, but over time they may be more tolerable. Although there may be still some mine waste located on the steep slopes, the overall majority has been returned to a more stable location. The physical hazards have been eliminated, but will continue to be monitored by our program.



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2003 National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Awards

Regional Awards

Taylor Creek Impoundment, West Virginia (Appalachian Region)

Victory Mine, Site 82, Indiana (Mid-Continent Region)

[Cove 3 Project, Navajo Nation, AZ & NM \(Western Region\)](#)

National Award

Taylor Creek Impoundment, West Virginia

People's Choice Award

[Cove 3 Project, Navajo Nation, AZ & NM \(Western Region\)](#)

2000 National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Awards

Regional Awards

Pleasant View Mine Project, Kentucky (Appalachian Region)

Midwestern Reclamation Project, Indiana (Mid-Continent Region)

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National Award

Pleasant View Mine Project, Kentucky

People's Choice Award

Midwestern Reclamation Project, Indiana

1999 National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Awards

Regional Awards

Blackwater River Limestone Drum Station, West Virginia (Appalachian Region)

Oklahoma Partnership Approach to Reclamation of Abandoned Mine Land, Oklahoma (Mid-Continent Region)

Socorro West, New Mexico (Western Region)

National Award

[Monument Valley 2 AML Reclamation Project, Navajo Nation, AZ & NM \(Western Region\)](#)



1992 National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Awards

(Presented in 1993)

Boonville Hospital RAMP Project, Indiana
[Coppermine Abandoned Mine Project, Navajo Nation, AZ & NM \(Western Region\)](#)
Gay Branch Gob Pile Project, Virginia
Lead and Zinc Mine Sites Reclamation Project, Illinois
Ocean Refuse Removal Project, Maryland
Pine Creek Mine Shafts Project, West Virginia
Pyramid Coal Company Reclamation Project, Illinois
Shiloh Reclamation Project, Arkansas
Veca Pit and Spoils Project, Wyoming
White Oak Four Reclamation Project, Ohio

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